No proposal for mounting sound and light show at Charminar has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Erosion of Vivekananda Rock Memorial

770. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swami Vivekananda Rock Memorial set amidst the ocean off Kanyakumari is under threat from rapid erosion of the rocks upon which this monument is built;

(b) if so, the details of findings of any recent survey made to assess the impact of sea waves buffeting the rocks under the Memorial; and

(c) steps taken/being taken to preserve and conserve this magnificient monument?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The rock amidst sea where Swami Vivekananda meditated has been declared as monument of National Importance by a notification dated 27.08.2003. The threat of erosion because of sea waves has been taken note of and technical advice sought in the matter.

(c) The preservation, conservation, maintenance and development of Centrally protected monuments is an ongoing process.

Development of tourism sector in Rajasthan

†771. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of areas selected by Government for the development of tourism sector in Rajasthan during the current year; and

(b) the details of the outlines worked out by Government for the development of these areas?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The following projects have been sanctioned by the Department of Tourism in Rajasthan during the current financial year:-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned
1.	Restoration work at Jaisalmer Fort	82.30
2.	Purchase of Swiss Cottages, Deluxe Cottages and Luxury cottages for Pushkar	100.00
3.	Civil and Electric Works concerning SEL Show at Chittorgarh Fort	70.75
4.	Civil and Electric Works at Kumbhalgarh Fort	89.36
5.	Dormitories for visitors at Mela Ground at Pushkar	150.00
6.	Stadium and Tent Platform at Pushkar	74.48
7.	Sulabh Shauchalaya at Mela Ground at Pushkar	14.09
8.	Development Works at Pushkar Ghats	261.43
9.	Renovation of Vishramsthali at Pushkar Road, Ajmer	68.50
10.	Construction of Vishramsthali at Dargah Sharif at Ajmer	187.00
11.	Development of Masuria Hills (Veer Durga Das Smarak), Jodhpur	152.34
12.	Development Works at Chetak Samadhi at Haldi Ghati	52.08
13.	Development Works at Rakt Talai at Haldi Ghati	92.82
14.	Development Works at Badshahi Bagh at Haldi Ghati	82.66
	TOTAL :	1477.81

In addition, the Archaeological Survey of India is executing conservation work at the following places in Rajasthan:—

1. Kumbhalgarh Fort:
   - (i) Parsunath Temples
   - (ii) Gole Rao Temple
   - (iii) Jain Temple 1,2 and 3
   - (iv) Bavan Devi Temples
   - (v) Pitalia Jaina Temple
   - (vi) Juna Bilwara Temple

2. Rock Inscription Bisolia (District Bhilwara)
3. Ancient ruins and structural remains Krishnavila Barun
4. Chittorgarh Fort:
   (i) Kirthi Stambha
   (ii) Parswanatha Temples
5. Group of Temples, Jaisalmer

Effects of pollution on Ajanta and Ellora Caves

772. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent study by Geological Survey of India has revealed that noise and other pollution are making drastic effects on Ajanta and Ellora Caves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to save these caves from pollution?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India has carried out geo-scientific studies for the conservation of Ajanta and Ellora Caves. Their studies were not specifically made for problems related to noise and other pollution studies. However, one chapter relates to the environmental studies wherein it is stated that no alarming and negative impact is caused due to noise and other pollution to Ajanta and Ellora Caves.

(c) The following measures are taken by the survey to save these caves from pollution:-

Ajanta Caves:- Shops located at the foot of the hill have been shifted at 4 kilometres from the Caves.

Parking of general vehicals has been shifted to a new complex 4 km away. Only pollution free transport vehicles are used for visitors to Ajanta Caves.

Generator was shifted from Cave No. 8 to a safe distance.

Ellora Caves:- A new diversion road was provided and made functional and presently no heavy vehicular traffic is permitted on the road to the caves. Noise and other pollution is checked to a great extent.